

LOWER PENN PARISH COUNCIL

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PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on THURSDAY 3 NOVEMBER 2022 at the VICTORY HALL LOWER PENN

PRESENT:

Cllr Mrs B Southall - Chair
Cllr Mrs V Barnes
Cllr Mrs K Brazenell
Cllr N Cox
Cllr Ms H Fuller
Cllr Mrs K Preece
Cllr Mrs C Taylor
Cllr Mr D Williams

District Cllr D Kinsey
Staffordshire Police

14 Members of the public

		Action
157/22	APOLOGIES Received from District Cllr Reade	
158/22	MINUTES Proposed by Cllr Mrs Taylor and seconded by Cllr Cox and carried that the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 6 October 2022 be approved and signed as a true and correct record.	
159/22	DECLARATION OF INTERESTS Cllr Mrs Taylor declared an interest and took no part in the discussion of Planning App. 22/00998/FUL.	
160/22	POLICE REPORT 06/10/2022-02/11/2022 Received and circulated. PCSO Alexandra Rathbone attended the meeting and advised that all incidents occurring this month in Lower Penn related to vehicle crime. She responded to questions from members of the public relating to the difficulty of reporting crimes at properties lying on the border of two neighbouring forces and also noted the locations where drug dealing issues were currently prevalent.	
161/22	LOCAL PLAN <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ An Open Letter from the Parish Council had been sent to all South Staffordshire parishes, the Local Plan Team and District Councillors, although no response had been received from any of the District Councillors. The Local Plan Team had responded and had offered a Teams meeting and this was being considered.▪ Full Council Meeting at District Council Tuesday 8 November 2022 – members will be voting on whether the Local Plan moves forward to the next consultation stage and if so, documents will be delivered on 10 November and made available for public viewing at the Victory Hall. The consultation period is likely to be 6-8 weeks and the Parish Council	

	<p>will respond in line with the wishes of the majority of residents of the Parish. This meeting will be streamed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ It was noted that a large number of residents from Lower Penn and neighbouring parishes were hoping to attend the District Council Meeting on Tuesday to establish the outcome of the vote and to convey a united representation. ▪ District Cllr Kinsey confirmed that, as far as he was aware, the vote taken at Tuesday's meeting would be a named vote and names would be listed in the minutes. ▪ District Cllr Kinsey advised that the voting would be for a 'For' or 'Against' vote and no other options would be considered. ▪ Cllr Ms Fuller asked if there was a Statement of Common Ground available to view and District Cllr Kinsey agreed to ascertain whether this has been published yet and is in the public domain. 	DK
162/22	<p>COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT No report available.</p>	
163/22	<p>DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT No report available.</p>	
164/22	<p>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION Local Plan: As above</p> <p>Enforcement Issues Complaints were received from residents regarding the lack of action being taken on these issues some of which have been ongoing for a number of years and it was agreed the Parish Council would contact the District Council about this.</p> <p>Access Road – Land adj Springhill Cottage Case Ref: 19/00192/BOC</p> <p>New Build 58A Springhill Lane- App 18/00022/FUL Case Ref: 22/00333/BOC – velux window, rear balcony, garage larger than approved. Parish Council to contact Enforcement Officer.</p> <p>Sandhills Nursery Condition 4 – Condition 9 Drainage</p>	Clerk/ DK
165/22	<p>PLANNING App No: 22/00952/FUL – Garage Conversion 106 Springhill Lane This property was not in the green belt and the Parish Council had no objection providing all relevant planning policies were adhered to.</p> <p>App No: 22/00998/FUL – Proposed wall, fence, gate & shed – Lower Penn Farmhouse Dirtyfoot Lane The Parish Council objected to the application as the property is in the conservation area, is surrounded by green belt land and the proposed access is located on a very narrow stretch of Dirtyfoot Lane. It was also noted that this property is a listed building and therefore the curtilage of the property should also be taken into account and protected.</p> <p>App No: 22/00997/TTREE – Works to TPO trees Castlecroft House, Castlecroft Road The Parish Council recommends that the District Council's Arboriculturist Officer visits the site to assess the level of works proposed.</p> <p>PLANNING APPLICATIONS PENDING App No: 22/00888/FUL -107 Springhill Lane App No: 22/00877/FUL – Dimmingsdale Borehole App No: 22/00794/FUL – Hillcroft Farm Drivefields App No: 22/00100/FUL – Robins Nest Farm</p> <p>MATTERS ARISING</p>	Clerk Clerk Clerk

166/22	Overgrown hedges/verges along Castlecroft Road Photos to be sent by resident to D Cllr Kinsey to follow this up with Wolverhampton Council.	DK									
167/22	Community Speedwatch/Speeding Issues 7 Speedwatch sessions carried out in October. Cllr Mrs Barnes reiterated the need for more volunteers and said that shorter 1-hour sessions were being considered. 30mph Speed Limit bin stickers will now be posted to all residents on Springhill Lane and Penstone Lane and further stickers ordered for Langley Road and Radford Lane. This will be advertised on Council's social media outlets.										
168/22	Fly Tipping/Litter All incidents are reported to Street Scene for action.										
169/22	Victory Hall/Jubilee Grant <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Cllr Mrs Taylor to obtain quotes for commemorative bench for next meeting. ▪ Management Committee Meeting held to discuss possible Christmas Market event. 	CT									
170/22	Climate Action Group Wild flower meadow being planted on Castlecroft Playing Field. Thanks to Worfield Plants who have donated spring bulbs for planting throughout the village – Cllr Ms Fuller to collect	HF									
171/22	Castlecroft Playing Field <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ District Council part-owned land: bring forward to next meeting ▪ Replacement of some of the trees planted earlier in the year 										
172/22	Bhylls Acre School – Academy Bring forward to next meeting.	VW									
173/22	Drainage Issues/Kerbs Market Lane To be kept under observation.	BS									
174/22	Village Green – Oak Tree Quotation from Tree Patrol of £50.00 – the Parish Council unanimously agreed to this price and Cllr Mrs Taylor agreed to arrange for the work to be carried out.	CT									
	ANY OTHER BUSINESS										
175/22	Warm Space Venue To be considered when further information available.	RR									
176/22	Rough Sleepers Survey No known problems – Clerk to advise District Council accordingly.	Clerk									
177/22	ACCOUNTS The following accounts were presented for payment and cheques signed accordingly: <table border="0"> <tr> <td>BG Ground Maintenance</td> <td>October Account</td> <td>£270.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mrs J Footman- Bank Trf</td> <td>Reimb for Phoenix Web Solutions annual fee</td> <td>£52.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mrs J Footman</td> <td>Petty Cash</td> <td>£250.00</td> </tr> </table> The Clerk confirmed that the cheque for BG Ground Maintenance – September payment had not been received by the payee and this cheque had therefore been cancelled and a new cheque issued mid-meeting.	BG Ground Maintenance	October Account	£270.00	Mrs J Footman- Bank Trf	Reimb for Phoenix Web Solutions annual fee	£52.00	Mrs J Footman	Petty Cash	£250.00	Clerk Clerk Clerk
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178/22	FINANCIAL RISK ASSESSMENT Nothing to report										
179/22	DATE OF NEXT MEETING Thursday 1 December 2022 at 7.15pm in the Victory Hall										

Signed: **Chairman**

Dated:

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